

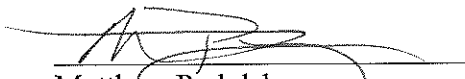
21 days of the initial appearance. Accordingly, under the Speedy Trial Act the Government initially had until April 25, 2019, within which to file an indictment or information.

4. On or about April 15, 2019, the defendant, through Sylvie Levine, Esq., who had previously been appointed by Judge Parker to represent the defendant for purposes of presentment, requested of the Government an agreement to an extension of the deadline for the filing of an indictment by the Government of 30 days in order to permit the defendant additional time to retain counsel to engage with the Government.

5. Therefore, the Government is requesting a 30-day continuance until May 28, 2019, to continue the foregoing discussions and reach a disposition of this matter. On April 16, 2019, I personally spoke to defense counsel who specifically consented to this request.

6. For the reasons stated above, the ends of justice served by the granting of the requested continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial.

Dated: New York, New York
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